

# Ensuring Life Cycle Supportability through the Application of Systems Engineering Processes

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# OVERVIEW

- Successfully Demonstrated Life-Cycle Supportability for Large-Scale COTS Training Technology Insertion Program through the Application of Systems Engineering Processes
- Provided Processes and Capabilities to Support Implementation Requirements and Expanded Engineering Focus on Total Training System







# INTRODUCTION

#### Description

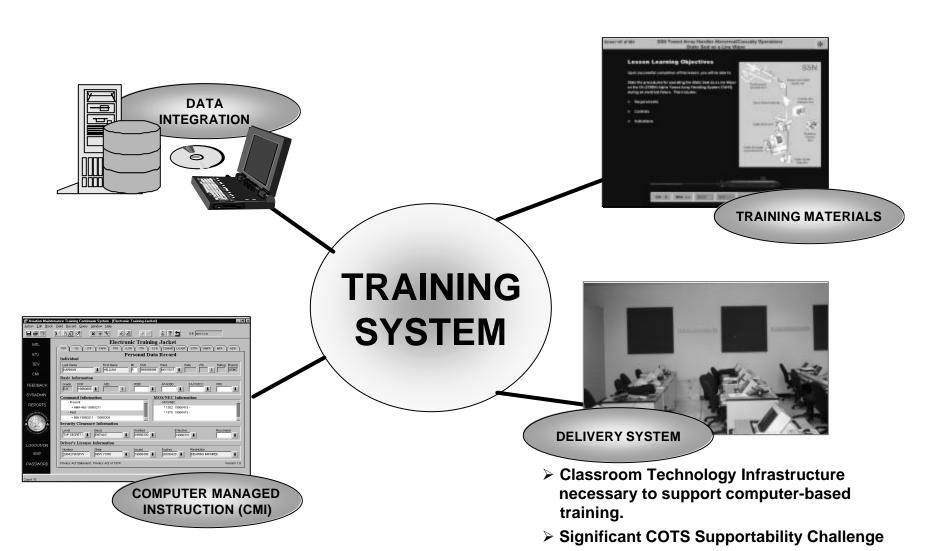
- Large Scale COTS Training Technology Infusion Program
  - Implementation of PC/LAN Based Electronic Classrooms
  - Multi-Year Implementation
  - Planned Implementation of 200+ Classrooms
  - Dynamic Requirements/Technology Environment

# Objectives

- Focus on Customer Needs by Addressing Functional, Product Implementation and Life-Cycle Requirements
- Provide Manageability of COTS Technology Cycles
- > Provide Life-Cycle Management at the Lowest Possible Cost



# TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION



Implementation approach was to engineer the Delivery System as a

training device.



# TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION

#### Training Device

- > Pentium II Personal Computers
- Windows NT 4.0 LAN
- Dual Processor Pentium III Servers
- Server Farm (3-8 servers, 20-500 clients)
- > Document Camera
- Video Control System
- > Printer
- > Projector
- > Interactive White Board
- Local Area Network



# Typical Installation

- > 5 Electronic Classrooms
- > 90-120 Personal Computers
- 3-5 Servers (PDC, BDC, 1-3 Application Severs)



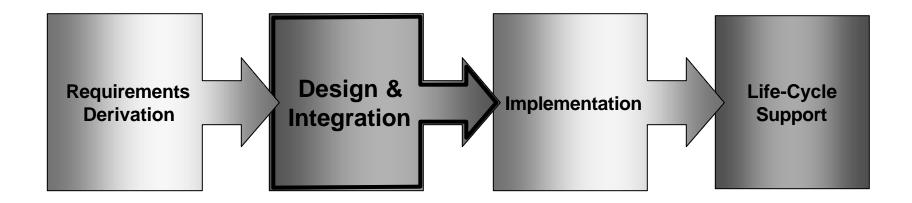
# APPROAGH

- Design Utilizing a System Life-Cycle Focus to be Simultaneously Responsive to Customer Needs and Life-Cycle Outcomes
  - > Life-Cycle Model
- Perform a Life-Cycle Cost Analysis to Assure Final System Design Complies with Program Supportability Requirements
  - > Design and Integration Process
- Implement a Configuration Management Model to Account for Future Customer Requirements, Product Improvement, and Evolving Technology
  - > System Configuration Management Process





# **Life-Cycle Model**

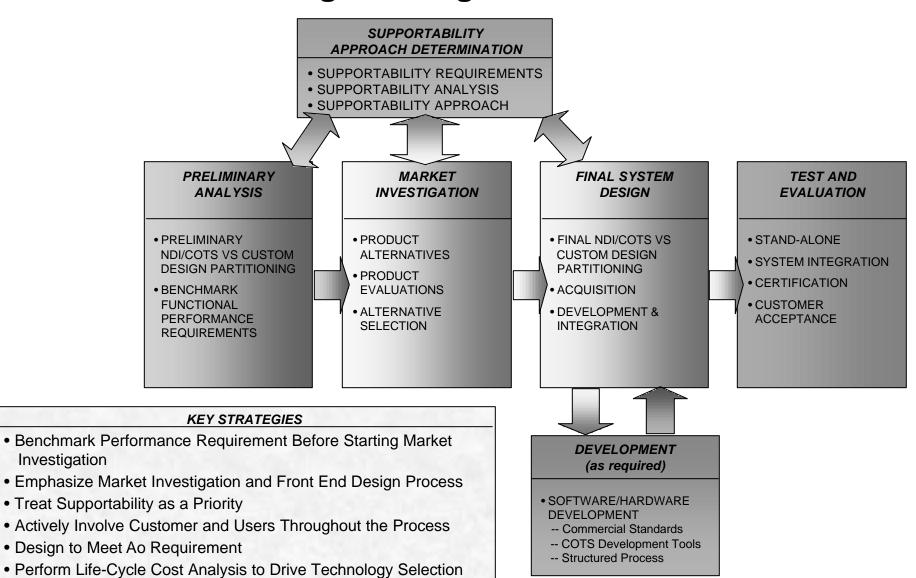


 Model Adapted to Support Rapid Applications Development Approach





# **Design & Integration Process**





# APPROAGH

# Supportability Approach Determination

# MARKET INVESTIGATION

- Complexity
- Procurement Cost
- Failure Rate
- Repairability
- Product Family Depth
- Customer Base

# SUPPORTABILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Preliminary Design
- Improvement Philosophy
- Maintenance Concept
- System Ao

#### SUPPORTABILITY ANALYSIS

- Strategy Development
- Supportability Analysis
- Life-Cycle Cost Analysis

# NDI/COTS SUPPORTABILITY APPROACH

- Final System Design
- Supportability Program
- Sparing Approach
- Response Times
- Warranty Requirements

Ao = Mean Time Between Failure

Mean Time Between Failure + Mean Down Time





# **System Configuration Management Process**

#### What We Have . . .

- ✓ Classroom Design Baseline
- ✓ Supportability Program Coupled with Classroom Design that meets Ao Requirement

#### Further Challenges . . .

- Management of Dynamic Requirements Environment
- Management of Rapid Technology Cycles

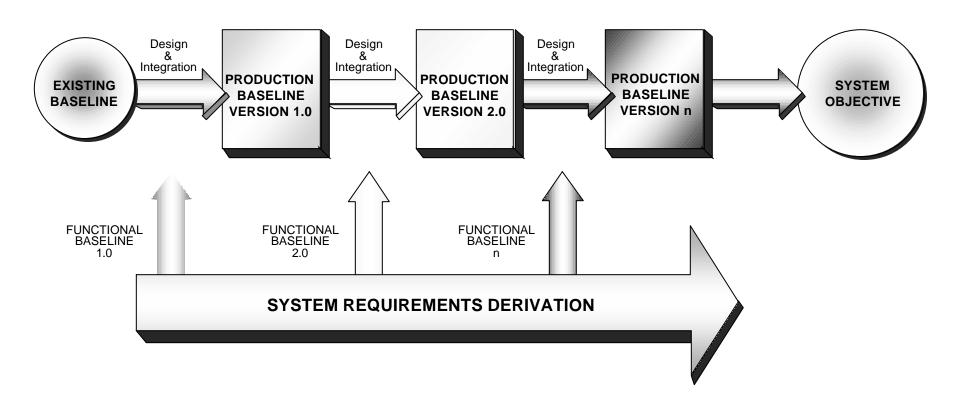
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Implement Planned System Improvement Process Model





# Planned System Improvement Process Model



- ➤ Formal Process for Ongoing Systematic Evolvement of System Requirements (Functional Baselines)
- ➤ Establishes Design and Integration Cycles to Produce Evolving System Baselines (Product Baselines)
- > Provides System Configuration Control Process for Managing Baseline Improvement





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Management of Multi-Year Implementation

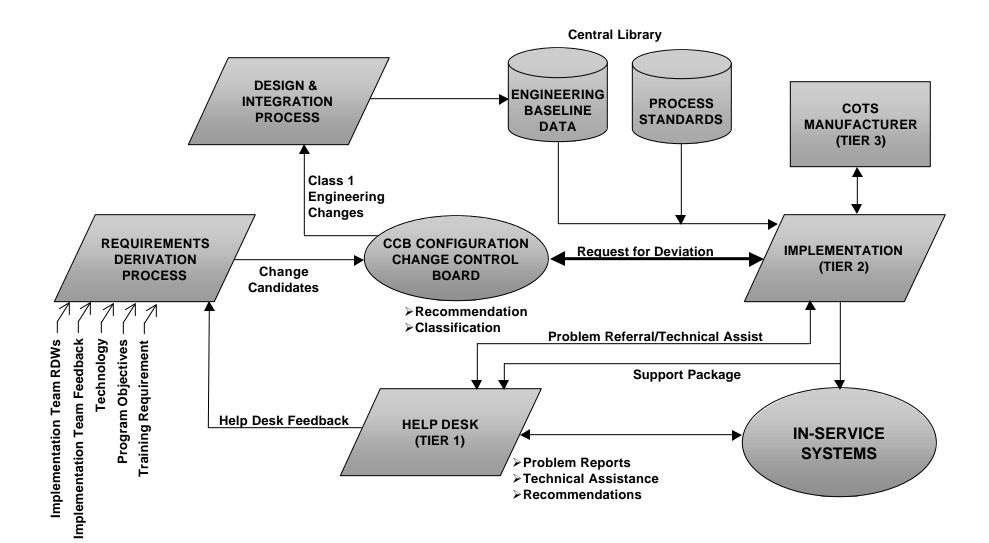
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# IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

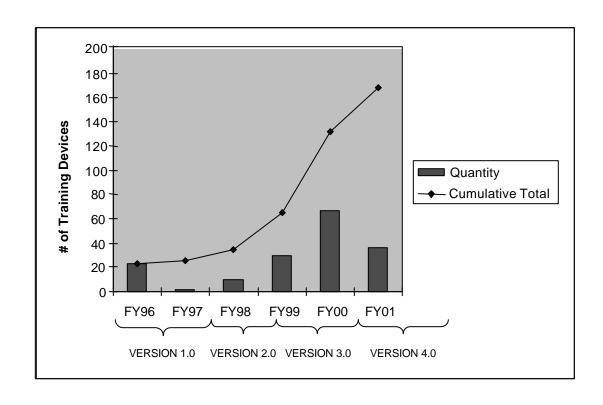
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# **Training Device Installations**

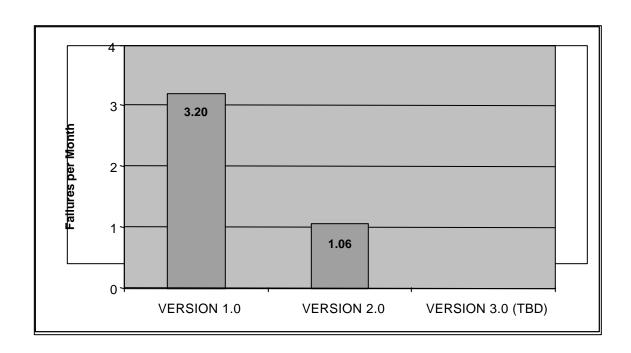


168 Training Devices Field-to-Date





#### **Failure Rate Based on Time in Service**



Note: Version 3.0 was implemented from mid-FY99 through the end FY00. Failure data is currently being collected and processed.



# SUMMARY

- Over the past 5 years have designed, implemented, and provided Life-Cycle Maintenance for close to 200 COTS-based Training Devices.
- Systematically reduced Life-Cycle Maintenance costs per each product base.
- Developed and implemented several processes and capabilities and have successfully applied them to other business ventures.

